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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM PRESIDENT LAUGERUD OF GUATEMALA

1. FYI: FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM PRES. LAUGERUD
TO PRESIDENT FORD. QUOTE. ON THE OCCASION OF THE GREAT
CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF YOUR COUNTRY'S
INDEPENDENCE, THE GUATEMALAN PEOPLE, MY GOVERNMENT, AND
I PERSONALLY JOIN IN THE REJOICING OVER THAT MOST
SIGNIFICANT EVENT. I LIKEWISE EXPRESS MY SINCERE WISHES
THAT THE UNITED STATES MAY CONTINUE THE DEMOCRATIC COURSE
SET FOR IT BY ITS ILLUSTRIOUS FOUNDERS AND THAT, AS A
STRONG, GREAT, AND PEACE-LOVING NATION, IT WILL CONTINUE
TO BE THE BULWARK OF THE FREE WORLD.

WISHING THE NOBLE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES THE GREATEST
SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS, I HAVE THE HONOR TO RENEW TO
YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION
AND UNCHANGING FRIENDSHIP.
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KJELL EUGENIO LAUGERUD GARCIA, PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA.
UNQUOTE. END FYI.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I JOIN
IN EXPRESSING OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S
INDEPENDENCE.

IN OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT
ONLY MARK THE DEEDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PAST, BUT
ALSO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM,
DIGNITY AND EQUALITY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU TOWARD THE IMPORTANT
GOALS OUR NATIONS SHARE.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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